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CORONAVIRUS

WHO declares global emergency

Spreading: U.N. agency reports the virus has been found in 18 countries, including in U.S.

By Maria Cheng and Jamey Keaten
The Associated Press

GENEVA » The World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak a global emergency Thursday after the number of cases spiked more than tenfold in a week.

The U.N. health agency defines an international emergency as an "extraordinary event" that constitutes a risk to other countries and requires a coordinated international response.

China reported more than 7,800 cases, including 170 deaths, on Thursday. Eighteen other countries have reported 82 cases.

Experts say there is significant evidence the virus is spreading in China and the rest of the world,

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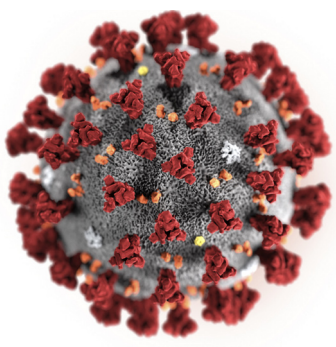

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

Illustration of the coronavirus.

March air base: Wahun evacuee quarantined after attempting to leave before full evaluation

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A Wuhan evacuee who was on the flight that landed this week at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside County has been quarantined after attempting to leave the base, the same day the World Health Organization declared a global emergency.

Riverside County Health Officer Dr. Cameron Kaiser issued the order requiring the passenger to stay at the base for the entire incubation period, up to 14 days, or until otherwise cleared, officials said in a news release Thursday. The order was made because of the unknown risk the person poses to the public if he or she left before being fully evaluated,

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KOBE BRYANT CRASH

A STRUGGLE TO WEAR THEIR GAME FACE

Amid their grief, Lakers to make emotional return to Staples tonight

By Kyle Goon
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EL SEGUNDO » It might well have been another night when Kobe Bryant was the biggest star in the building, occupying a courtside seat and flashing a mega-watt smile.

Portland power forward Carmelo Anthony wrote in an Instagram post on Tuesday afternoon that Bryant had called him and told him he intended to come to tonight's game between the Lakers and Trail Blazers. Anthony had been looking forward to it, and Bryant's previous two visits to Staples Center — alongside his 13-year-old daughter Gianna — had drawn standing ovations when their images flashed across the jumbotron.

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TOP: Lakers forward LeBron James, left, and guard Quinn Cook attend practice in El Segundo on Thursday.

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ABOVE: Shadows are cast on a memorial wall as fans gather at L.A. Live to memorialize Kobe Bryant on Tuesday.

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IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

Showdown vote today on witnesses as questions in case end

By Lisa Mascaro, Eric Tucker and Zeke Miller
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine said late Thursday she would vote to allow witnesses in President Donald Trump's impeachment trial, building momentum for the Democrats' effort to hear more testimony and increasing the possibility of a drawn-out trial the White House hoped to avoid.

But Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee said in a statement there was "no need for more evidence," giving the Trump team the possibility of a deciding vote in their direction.

Collins, a centrist senator announced her decision after the Senate concluded a long question-and-answer session with the House Democrats prosecuting the charges and Trump's lawyers defending him.

Alexander released his statement moments later.

A vote on the witness question, expected today, could lead to an abrupt end of the trial with Trump's expected acquittal. Or it could bring days, if not weeks, more argument as Democrats press to hear testimony from former national security adviser John Bolton and others.

It would take four GOP senators to break with the majority and join with Democrats to tip the outcome.

Collins said in a statement, "The most sensible way to pro-

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SENATE TELEVISION VIA AP

Chief Justice of the United States John Roberts, presiding over the Senate trial, sets aside a card with a question submitted by Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., and he declines to read it aloud.

HUNTINGTON BEACH

Artist reunited with his 'Lady' 50 years later

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She was the one who got away.

For five decades, he'd wondered about her fate. He didn't even have a photo of her to fondly gaze upon.

Then one fateful night in December, a text lit up his phone. "Is this yours?" his brother asked, sharing a link.

At long last, there she was. On eBay. For $3,000. And she hadn't aged a bit.

Greg Van Krugel painted the golden-haired beauty over three obsessive days in the summer of 1969. Her huge head filling a spacious canvas from corner to corner, he playfully named his masterpiece "Big Lady in Moonlight."

"I painted every strand of hair individually," remembered Van Krugel, a longtime Huntington Beach resident. "By the time I was done, I'd fallen in love."

Then 25, he had been commissioned to create a few pieces for a charity art sale. The couple who bought "Big Lady" asked Van Krugel to help choose the perfect spot for her at their La Cañada mansion.

"They had a magnificent home with ceilings 15 feet high," Van Krugel recalled. "'Big Lady' did

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Artist Greg Van Krugel, center, with his painting, "Big Lady in Moonlight," which he painted in 1969, his wife, Mary Jean, and fellow artist Eduardo Tello, who sold the painting.

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